

Adirondack HOG Chapter 3220#



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From the Director's Desk, Mike Bala

Who is ready for the 2025 season? We have members that have already made trips to Florida to get those early season miles.

Your Road Captains have met and the ride schedule has been posted, including dates for the meetings. Schedule includes many favorites like Petey's Lobster runs as well as a new ride for us, the 911 ride in August which is a multi day police escorted ride to PA, DC, and NYC. Overnight rides include, NY State Coin ride and Finger Lakes, Laconia, 911 Ride, Bentley's for Back in Black, and a few members meeting at Biketoberfest. We still have dates available so let us know if you have an idea.



There will be two free ice cream days this season for members. Ride dates to be determined at the May meeting. Can't make the ride, no problem, just meet us at the ice cream stop.

We had 5 members attend the ROC training on April 19th, and I'm looking forward to seeing what new ideas they have for us.

Reminders: Get your bike serviced, inspected, and make sure your gear is ready for another season. Remember, you need to keep your National and chapter membership current. I hope to see everyone on April 26th, our first ride heading to the Brunswick Bike Blessing.

Ride Safe! Mike B.



Safety Officer, Brian Irwin

Fellow ADK HOG Riders,

Tis the season to finally say goodbye snow and hello fresh air! Fall and Winter were entirely too long in Upstate New York, as usual. As we get ready to roll out for our first rides of the season, I ask you to take a few moments to review the below information.

We have all decided to participate in what is statistically known to be a pretty dangerous recreational activity, usually due to no actions we take while on the open road enjoying one of our favorite pastimes.

There are a few things we can do to mitigate some of the dangers during rides.

- Do your best to predict the behavior of others.
- Never stop looking, scanning and being alert.
- Wear a helmet.
- Slow down, especially at intersections and during turns which put you in another lane.
- Don't drink alcohol or consume any substance that will impair your reactions before riding.
- Ride like nobody sees you, because other vehicles generally are not looking for bikes.

The one thing we do have control over is the condition of our motorcycle before we ever put the kick stand up for a ride. At the start of the season, and before EVERY ride we should all be giving our motorcycle, some loving hands on attention.

I am a big fan of the acronym **T-CLOCS**. If you have been around motorcycling for any amount of time, I hope you have heard this term used. **T-CLOCS** is a quick way to systematically look for and find potential problems with your motorcycle before ride day. A proper, yet thorough start of the season **T-CLOCS** check can be completed in less than 20 minutes. A quick daily pre-ride **T-CLOCS** check can be done in under 5 minutes. Is 5 minutes too much time out of your day, if you happen to identify a problem which may have otherwise been a disaster during a ride?

There are a lot of versions of this checklist out there. I found the MSF one to be very comprehensive and self-explanatory. **OLD RIDER WARNING!!** A proper inspection may involve putting your knees and/or body on the ground next to your ride so you can actually look and touch parts of it we don't usually even look at. If anyone needs to borrow one of my ice packs, just call me. They are all well broken in.



MSF T-CLOCS Pre-Ride Inspection Checklist

T- TIRES and WHEELS

- **Tires**
 - Condition: Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, embedded objects.
 - Air Pressure: Check when cold, adjust to load.
- **Wheels**
 - Spokes: Bent, broken, missing, tension, check at top of wheel: “ring” = OK — “thud” = loose spoke.
 - Cast: Cracks, dents.
 - Rims: Out of round/true = 5mm. Spin wheel, index against stationary pointer.
 - Bearings: Grab top and bottom of tire and flex: No free play (click) between hub and axle, no growl when spinning.
 - Seals: Cracked, cut or torn, excessive grease on outside, reddish-brown around outside.
- **Brakes**
 - Function: Each brake alone keeps the bike from rolling.
 - Condition: Check pads and discs for wear.

C- CONTROLS

- **Handlebars**
 - Condition: Bars are straight, turn freely, hand grips and bar ends are secure.
- **Levers and Pedal**
 - Condition: Broken, bent, cracked, mounts tight, ball ends on handlebar levers, proper adjustment.
 - Pivots: Lubricated.
- **Cables**
 - Condition: Fraying, kinks, lubrication: ends and interior.
 - Routing: No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, wire supports in place.
- **Hoses**
 - Condition: Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chafing, deterioration.
 - Routing: No interference or pulling at steering head, suspension, no sharp angles, hose supports in place.
- **Throttle**
 - Operation: Moves freely, snaps closed, no revving when handlebars are turned.

L- LIGHTS and ELECTRICS

- **Battery**
 - Condition: Terminals; clean and tight, electrolyte level, held down securely.
 - Vent Tube: Not kinked, routed properly, not plugged.
- **Headlamp**
 - Condition: Cracks, reflector, mounting and adjustment system.
 - Aim: Height and right/left.
- **Tail lamp/brake lamp**
 - Condition: Cracks, clean and tight.
 - Operation: Activates upon front brake/rear brake application.
- **Turn signals**
 - Operation: Flashes correctly.
- **Switches**
 - Operation: All switches function correctly: engine cut-off, hi/low beam, turn signal.
- **Mirrors**
 - Condition: Cracks, clean, tight mounts and swivel joints.
 - Aim: Adjust when seated on the bike.
- **Lenses and Reflectors**
 - Condition: Cracked, broken, securely mounted, excessive condensation.
- **Wiring**
 - Condition: Fraying, chafing, insulation.
 - Routing: Pinched, no interference or pulling at steering head or suspension, wire looms and ties in place, connectors tight, clean.

O- OIL and OTHER FLUIDS

- **Levels**
 - Engine Oil: Check warm, on center stand, on level ground, dipstick, sight glass.
 - Gear Oil, Shaft Drive: Transmission, rear drive, shaft.
 - Hydraulic Fluid: Brakes, clutch, reservoir or sight glass.
 - Coolant: Reservoir and/or coolant recovery tank — check only when cool.
 - Fuel: Tank or gauge.
- **Leaks**
 - Engine Oil: Gaskets, housings, seals.
 - Gear Oil, Shaft Drive: Gaskets, seals, breathers.
 - Hydraulic Fluid: Hoses, master cylinders, calipers.
 - Coolant: Radiator, hoses, tanks, fittings, pipes.
 - Fuel: Lines, fuel valve, carbs.

C- CHASSIS

- **Frame**
 - Condition: Cracks at gussets, accessory mounts, look for paint lifting.
 - Steering-Head Bearings: No detent or tight spots through full travel, raise front wheel, check for play by pulling/pushing forks.
 - Swingarm Bushings: Raise rear wheel, check for play by pushing/pulling swingarm.
- **Suspension**
 - Front Forks: Smooth travel, equal air pressure/damping, anti-dive settings.
 - Rear Shock(s): Smooth travel, equal pre-load/air pressure/damping settings, linkage moves freely and is lubricated.
- **Chain or Belt**
 - Tension: Check at tightest point.
 - Lubrication: Side plates when hot. Note: do not lubricate belts.
 - Sprockets: Teeth not hooked, securely mounted.
- **Fasteners**
 - Threaded: Tight, missing bolts, nuts.
 - Clips and Cotter: Pins Broken, missing.

S- STANDS

- **Center stand**
 - Condition: Cracks, bent.
 - Retention: Springs in place, tension to hold position.
- **Side stand**
 - Condition: Cracks, bent (safety cut-out switch or pad equipped).
 - Retention: Springs in place, tension to hold position.

If you took the time to read through every line of that, thank you very much. If you were waiting for the movie to come out, because you are like me, I am including a link to a pretty good video I found which provides a quick summary of a T-CLOCS check.

⚡ Complete Guide to T-CLOCS Motorcycle Inspection Checklist for Ultimate Safety ⚡
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1_j_49as9s)

As always, stay safe by riding safe and doing your best to avoid the crazies out there!

Thanks. Brian

McDermott's Harley-Davidson

Good afternoon it's Kitty at McDermott's Harley-Davidson!!

I hope you're all geared up to start the riding season. This year is looking great so far with all the in-showroom events, nationwide Challenges, huge promotions on Dunlop tires, and so much more!

I'm just reaching out to let you know that our showroom hours are extended for the summer. Moving forward, Tuesday-Thursday the showroom will be open until 6pm.

KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME



LET'S  RIDE

Time for a helmet upgrade? Choose from low-profile, half-face, full-face and modular styles.



STOP IN TODAY

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April is Check Your Helmet month. It's the perfect time to give your current helmet a good once over to ensure it's still providing the necessary protection. If it's leaving something to be desired, pop on in and check out our selection.

2025 Harley National Challenges



2025 Let's Ride Challenge is going on all season long. All the juicy details are available if you follow the link below.

<https://www.h-dletsride.com/rules>



Rolling Laconia Challenge continues through the end of April and ends shortly into May. [CLICK HERE.](#)

ROLLING LACONIA

APRIL 1-MAY 8, 2025

Most of us at McDermott's can validate your mileage for either Challenge at the dealership. And remember that the validation also updates with your H.O.G. mileage at the same time! This makes the process streamlined so you have less computer stuff to do and more riding time!

RIDE365

Be sure to check out the National **Ride365 Program and Chapter Challenges**. Download the App for access to great local rides and the opportunity to get challenge coins and other National HOG gifts.

We also have a bunch of upcoming in-house events planned that we really hope you get the chance to swing on in and visit us.



McDermott's Calendar of Events:

- Sell your own bike day – 4/26
- Americade – 5/27 – 5/31
- Customer Appreciation 6/20 – 6/21
- Bike Show – 6/28
- Murphy's Ride – 7/20
- Swap meet – TBD (Stay Tuned!)

We have a fresh lineup of the season's most popular models on the floor. We also have a large selection of upgrades and custom projects for you to pursue. Stop in and speak with Parts or Service today to discuss your plans.

<https://mcdermottshd.com/>

Current Rebates!

Here's the Dunlop Tire Rebate information, it's a great time to get some new rubber for your ride!



BUY DUNLOP® TIRES, GET UP TO \$100 BACK IN A PRE-PAID VISA® CARD*

Time for new rubber for the road? Purchase an eligible tire and receive a Dunlop® Motorcycle Tires Visa® Prepaid Card. Offer valid through May 31, 2025.

2 TIRES = \$100 | 1 TIRE = \$50

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*Purchase at least one eligible Dunlop® tire and get a mail-in rebate in the form of a \$50 Dunlop® Motorcycle Tires Visa® Prepaid card. Purchase two eligible Dunlop® tires and get a mail-in rebate in the form of a \$100 Dunlop® Motorcycle Tires Visa® Prepaid card. Offer applies to individual consumer purchases made at a participating Harley-Davidson® dealership between April 15, 2025 and May 31, 2025. Completed mail-in rebate forms together with copy of the tires invoice must be postmarked by June 30, 2025. Offer valid on select Dunlop® tire sizes that fit Harley-Davidson® motorcycles - see dealer for a complete list of eligible tires. Additional terms and conditions apply. See your participating Harley-Davidson® dealership for complete details. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer or promotion.

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15 RIDES FOR '25 DESTINATION RIDE CHALLENGE

For additional details, including Terms & Conditions, please go to hog.com/ride365.

PARTICIPATION - U.S. H.O.G.® MEMBERS

- Challenge open to Full or Passenger/Associate H.O.G.® members from the U.S., 18+ years of age.
- Challenge begins on January 1, 2025 and ends on December 31, 2025. All Challenge photos must be taken during the Challenge Period and must be submitted on or before December 31, 2025.
- By participating in the Challenge, you agree that your name, biographical information, and photos submitted in connection with this Challenge may be used for advertising and promotional purposes without limitation and without additional notice, compensation, or consent, except where prohibited. Photos submitted may be available for viewing on the Internet by a world-wide audience.
- Entrant agrees that any dispute with regard to this Challenge, including rule interpretation and awarding rewards, or any other matter related to this Challenge, shall be submitted to Harley-Davidson, whose decision shall be binding and final.
- Individuals participate at their own risk. Do not break the law or endanger yourself or others when taking photos.

PHOTO FORMATS / ELEMENTS / REQUIREMENTS

Photos must be submitted online at h-d.com/ride365. Acceptable photo formats are .jpg, .gif, and .png. Each photo must not exceed 5MB in size.

NOTE: Images must be clear and designated Check-In location must be discernible in photos. Photos that are blurred, fuzzy, illegible, or unrecognizable will not be considered.

- You, the participant, must be in each of the photos.
- A current year Membership Guide must be clearly identifiable in each photo. (Go to h-d.com/ride365 to download a printable version.)
- All photos must be taken during the Challenge Period. Photos taken outside the Challenge Period are not eligible, and submission of such photos may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the Sponsor.
- All photos must be submitted online at h-d.com/ride365 during the Challenge Period. Limit one (1) photo per Challenge check-in location.

HOW DO I EARN REWARDS?

Upload a Location photo for each of the 15 Rides for '25 Destination Ride Challenge locations listed below.

Visit H-D.COM/RIDEPLANNER for Challenge Location maps.

CHALLENGE LOCATIONS:

- Manzanar National Historic Site – Independence, CA
- Smiling Peanut – Plains, GA
- Potato Capital of the World – Blackfoot, ID
- Hog Capital of the World – Kewanee, IL
- World's Largest Ball of Twine – Cawker City, KS
- Town of Hell – Hell, MI
- Lynyrd Skynyrd Monument – Magnolia, MS
- World's Largest Buffalo Statue – Jamestown, ND
- National Memorial Arch – King of Prussia, PA
- South of the Border – Hamer, SC
- Oark General Store – Oark, AR
- Narrows Bridge at Lake Chocoma – Tamworth, NH
- World's Largest Teapot – Chester, WV
- Bishop Castle – Rye, CO
- Mount Rushmore National Memorial – Keystone, SD

WHAT DO I EARN?

- Digital Badge (site specific) for each of the completed 15 Rides for '25.
- Commemorative Challenge Coin for each of the completed 15 Rides for '25.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Challenge photos must be submitted online at h-d.com/ride365.
- Limit one (1) photo for each of the Challenge Locations. All entries must be submitted online no later than December 31, 2025.

